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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS: POST-MEETING DISCUSSIONS, AUGUST 8, 1975
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1. VERIFICATION: SHCHUKIN (TO MAY) (A-941) NOTED THAT THERE WAS MOVEMENT TOWARD "RAPPROCHEMENT" IN TODAY'S US STATEMENT WHICH TABLED NEW PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE XVII TOGETHER WITH AGREED STATEMENT. SHCHUKIN POINTED IN PARTICULAR TO ABANDONMENT OF ANY REFERENCE TO THE 1972 DATE AND LESSENER EMPHASIS ON TESTING. HE QUESTIONED WHY AN AGREED STATEMENT WAS NEEDED BUT SAID HE COULD NOT REALLY COMMENT ON THE NEW FORMULATION WITHOUT CONSIDERABLY MORE STUDY.

2. ORBITAL SYSTEMS: SHCHUKIN NOTED THAT ALL ORBITS WERE INCLUDED IN PROHIBITION UNDER SOVIET FORMULA, AND THAT THE MEANS OR SYSTEMS FOR LAUNCHING INTO ORBIT WERE THE SAME WHETHER THE ORBIT WAS COMPLETE OR PARTIAL. ONLY DIFFERENCE WAS IN GUIDANCE PROGRAM. HE WONDERED WHAT ACTIVITIES WERE FORBIDDEN BY THE US FORMULATION WHICH WERE NOT ALSO FORBIDDEN IN THE SOVIET PROPOSAL.

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3. SHCHUKIN EMPHASIZED THAT PLACING OF WEAPON SYSTEMS INTO

ORBITS WAS FORBIDDEN, AND TIME AND PLACE AT WHICH WEAPON SYSTEM WAS DEORBITED WAS IMMATERIAL. HE SAID GOAL OF THE SOVIET PROPOSAL WAS TO PREVENT "STOCKING" NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN SPACE. THE LIMITATION ON BRINGING WEAPONS IN "THE BACK WAY" SEEMED TRIVIAL IN VIEW OF LIMITED NATURE OF ABM SYSTEMS. IF SOVIET UNION HAD HAD ANY PLANS TO DEVELOP OR DEPLOY SUCH SYSTEMS, IT WOULD CERTAINLY NOT HAVE INTRODUCED PROPOSED BAN IN FIRST PLACE. SHCHUKIN SAID SOVIETS DID NOT UNDERSTAND PURPOSE OF US PROPOSAL WORDS, AND NEW WORDS WHICH NOT UNDERSTOOD ALWAYS CAUSE SUSPICIONS. HE ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO "REFUSE" THESE WORDS, AND, THEREFORE, THEIR INSERTION MIGHT LEAD TO UNNECESSARY DELAYS AND DIFFICULTY.

4. CRUISE MISSILE DEFINITION: ROWNY ASKED TRUSOV (A-940) ABOUT DEFINITION FOR CRUISE MISSILE. TRUSOV SAID THAT CRUISE MISSILE DEFINITION IS SIMPLE: ANY MISSILE THAT HAS WINGS, AS SOVIET NAME FOR CRUISE MISSILE IS "WINGED ROCKET". HE ADDED THAT "WINGS" WERE NOT NECESSARILY WINGS IN CONVENTIONAL SENSE, BUT COULD BE ANY TYPE OF AERODYNAMIC SURFACES THAT PROVIDE MISSILE WITH LIFT AND CONTROL. HE SAID ANOTHER IMPORTANT ELEMENT IS THAT THE MISSILE HAVE ITS OWN ENGINE.

5. TRUSOV ASKED ROWNY IF HE THOUGHT THERE WERE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS WHICH DESCRIBED CRUISE MISSILE. ROWNY SAID THAT IN SALT CONTEXT HE THOUGHT IDEA OF IT BEING NUCLEAR ARMED WAS IMPORTANT. TRUSOV SAID HE AGREED; THAT ISSUE OF CRUISE MISSILES COULD BECOME QUITE COMPLICATED BECAUSE OF NUMEROUS USES FOR AERODYNAMIC MISSILES. ROWNY ASKED WHAT TYPE OF TRAJECTORY OR FLIGHT PATH SUCH MISSILES WOULD FOLLOW. BELETSKY SAID THAT TRAJECTORY OF CRUISE MISSILE COULD BE USED SYNONYMOUSLY WITH ATMOSPHERIC FLIGHT PATH AND COULD INCLUDE A GLIDE OR BALLISTIC TRAJECTORY AT END OF ITS FLIGHT. JOHNSON

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